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Beverly Farms, July 10<sup>th</sup>  
1878

My dear Dr Gray,

Do not be afraid of  
me - I am not a dangerous  
correspondent, though my last  
letter cost you so much  
trouble.

I thank you for all the  
most interesting information  
you have given me.

If you will look at  
"Hunts on the Blood" you

will find the details of the  
experiment he performed - a tub  
of earth - beans - corn cypre and  
cane - a floating weight in a  
bucket of water with a hole in  
it - Such is my general recol-  
lection - but there is more. I think  
I have read Knight's experiment  
also, but do not remember it  
as I do the other.

I have read Darwin on climbing  
plants and have been reading  
it since I have been. I shall  
next take up your volume of  
Essays - beginning with those  
relating to insectivorous plants

I have two or three other scientific  
books to read, and my Mother  
Memor to finish, so that I shall  
hardly have time for more  
botany. But your letter pro-  
vokes new questions and some  
time or other I hope to have  
another talk with you.

Don't think you must write  
a letter when the books come  
- only notify me as briefly as  
you will.

Faithfully yours  
O. W. Holmes